

Newly Recruited Volunteer Scholarship Application

To request to be considered for a RIAFC scholarship, please complete this form and have your fire chief complete their section and sign it.

Send the completed packet to: **RIAFC Scholarship - PO Box 6041, Providence, RI 02940**

Newly Recruited Volunteer Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Gender: _____ Date of request: _____

Race: _____ U.S. Veteran since 9/11/2001: Yes or No

Birthdate: _____

Scholarship Funds that You Are Applying for:

- NFPA 1582 Compliant Physical
- Firefighter 1 Training Travel Costs including expenses for mileage, lost wages, federal per diem rate for meals, and GSA rate lodging
- PPE once a NFPA 1582 physical and Firefighter 1 have been successfully completed

Fire Chief Authorization:

By signing below, I confirm that the volunteer listed above is a NEW RECRUIT to the Department/Agency, and is meeting minimum standards for my Department/Agency.

Full Name of Fire Chief (Please Print) _____

Department/Agency: _____

Email Address of Fire Chief: _____

Fire Chief Phone Number: _____

Department's Total Annual Budget _____

Number of Active Volunteers in Your Department: _____

Direct any inquiries to rifirechiefs@gmail.com

NEW RECRUIT PPE REIMBURSEMENT

For an accepted department to receive any reimbursement for PPE from this SAFER grant DHS has required the following stipulations:

As a special condition to the award, the awardee must agree to and understand the following stipulations with regards to purchasing PPE/Turnout gear with grant funds:

- Turnout gear is only for newly recruited (after 4/3/2013) volunteer members;
- Newly recruited members must obtain and pass the physical prior to requesting grant funds for the gear. Documentation of completed physicals will be required prior to funds being disbursed; and
- The newly recruited member(s) must complete firefighter-1 level training within 12 months or by the end of the Period of Performance 4/3/2017 – whichever comes first. Documentation of the completed training will be required at time of closeout.

The following is a list of program guidelines set forth in the SAFER grant narrative and must be adhered to by RIAFC and all participants:

1. Provide proof of membership to a RI volunteer or combination fire department or emergency services agency starting after 4/3/2013.
2. Newly recruited volunteers must be at least 18 years old by the semi-annual application review dates, either June 30th or December 31st of each year.
3. For each scholarship awarded, the volunteer must commit to a minimum of 12 months membership in a volunteer fire department.
4. Volunteer or paid-call firefighters who work part time for the department and are paid an average of less than 20 hours per week are eligible.
5. Volunteers who obtain a career firefighter job during the time of commitment must still fulfill their volunteer role in a department for a minimum of 12 months.
6. Volunteers must remain an active volunteer in good standing with the Sponsoring Department/Agency, and respond to at least 25 percent of the department's calls or operational activities as established by the Sponsoring Department/Agency.
7. Volunteers must commit to completing Firefighter I within 12 months of becoming a volunteer. Rhode Island's Firefighter I Certification program is administrated through the state.
8. Volunteers must submit a RIAFC Application Form. Upon approval by the Fire Chief, the application is then sent to the RIAFC SAFER Committee to be reviewed. The Fire Chief's signature is required.
9. Applicant's Fire Chief must sign the Reimbursement Form after each stage to collect reimbursement for physical/training/PPE expenses.
10. Applications must meet criteria guidelines to be considered for an award.

Signature of Fire Chief: _____ Date: _____